



# TEACHING AND LEARNING NEWS

A half termly update on teaching and learning, research and pedagogy

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Welcome to the last edition of Teaching and Learning News for 2016-17. With the end of the year fast approaching, it's time to look back on some of the fantastic teaching and learning that's taken place this year and look forward to 2017-18.

Have a look at Year 6's writing about Growth Mindsets on Pages 4 and 5 to see a snapshot of how our whole school approach this year has impacted on the children we teach.

We'll be back in the Autumn Term with even more insights and updates to share.



At Newington Green, we are proud of the amazing digital learning taking place across the school. Our digital leaders have recently been busy working with the team at 2-Simple to make a video about their new Purple Mash Digital Leaders programme.

You may have already noticed an increase in the frequency of mobile technology use in lessons across the curriculum, whether it's using Ipads and laptops in the classroom, green screening, or using Now Press Play to bring learning alive.

In September 2017, work will begin to implement our new and exciting digital strategy. This will enable us as a school to further embed the fantastic learning taking place in computing lessons across the school.

Our curriculum map now features useful technology links for topics across the curriculum.

Have a look at how technology can enrich learning in your classroom next year.

# What's Coming Up? C.P.D.

**Monday 3rd July @3:45pm - Teacher  
Learning Community Inset - Building  
Growth Mindsets-Reviewing The Impact**



## New for Next Year

**We already have some exciting CPD opportunities lined up for next year including:**

- The Aspiring Teachers Programme –For 2017-18, we have several members of staff starting at NGPS on our new Aspiring Teachers Programme. This is a year long programme, where candidates gain experience working as a teaching assistant, whilst developing their professional practice. They will also receive support and guidance throughout the year to prepare them for entering a career in teaching.
- Free Middle Leadership training through the Angel Islington Teaching School Alliance (AITSA)
- Free Expert Teacher Training opportunities (also through AITSA)
- 2 x Schools Direct students completing their training at NGPS at different points throughout the year. We will also be involved with planning/delivering some of the AITSA Schools Direct professional studies training this year.
- 4 x Roehampton students completing their training at NGPS in Spring Term.

If you have an interest in any of these opportunities and would like to find out more, please have a chat to Jess (DHT Teaching and Learning)

# Building Growth

## Mindsets:

### A Whole School Approach



This year, children, staff, parents and governors have all been involved in the implementation of our Growth Mindsets project. This whole school approach has been embedded through the curriculum and evidence from learning walks, book looks and speaking with children has demonstrated a positive impact across the school so far. In our final TLC session of the year, we will be returning to our research data to capture more evidence of impact across the school.

Our Growth Mindsets project has included:

- 1 x Futurezone joint inset session at Union Chapel
- 1 x whole staff inset session
- 3 x Teacher Learning Community Inset Sessions
- 1 x TLC Community based action research project
- 1 x Governors conference day session
- 4 x Parent Workshops
- 4 x Growth Mindset assemblies
- Implementation of a whole school growth mindsets charter
- A new area on the school website linked to growth mindsets
- A new growth mindsets information booklet for parents

I've learnt so much from such a short workshop. 'Fantastic mistake' I love! It was interesting to hear how you encourage fixed mindset even when you praise and the importance of focusing on effort and practice instead.

Absolutely loved it – the more it can be encompassed in everything we do and say the greater/better the society. Thank you!

Really interesting!  
Good for ourselves.

Fabulous! I think it will make a big difference and create a better atmosphere at home.

It was very helpful. Parents found it helpful to know how to praise.

Some feedback from our growth mindset parent workshops

# Year 6 “What a Growth Mindset Means to Me”

## Capturing Impact

A growth mindset (known as the power of yet) works every time.  
Maybe you'll understand if I rhyme.  
Don't go and cheat if you fall on your feet ; you'll be fine.  
The right path's rarely a straight line  
Okay let's put it this way.  
If you give up, you can never get where you need to go.  
I hope now you know the way to make you grow.

Mohammed A. (Cedar)

A growth mindset means to me  
Is that you try try try again  
Or it won't work work work at all  
'Cause if you don't try try again  
You won't succeed

Amatallah (Cedar)

What a growth mindset means to me:  
You need to believe  
Then you can achieve  
No matter what they say  
Just do it your way  
Practise and practise - don't stop  
Keep on practising until you reach the top  
If you fail don't you cry  
All you have to do is try and try  
If you don't give up you will succeed  
And then you will finally be pleased  
If people say what you're doing is boring  
You know that it is really adoring  
Growth mindset is never give up no matter what you're doing.

Mohamed Sa. (Cedar)



What does growth mindset mean to me?

Growth mindset says to me,

It's good to struggle.

It helps me feel no stress, no trouble.

To succeed you need to try, try and try

Know I'll tell you something real.

Once I remember back in Year Two

I got angry at myself for not winning races in Sports Day

I cried and growled and didn't succeed but in the end I WON!

Mohamed Sh. (Cedar Tree)

Always believe in yourself, keep trying and say I can't do it...YET!

At Newington Green we try to always have a growth mindset because we know that if people have a fixed mindset, they will never succeed. A growth mindset is when you never give up or you try, try and try. Your brain is clever and learns new things. Don't forget, always have a GROWTH MINDSET!

In Year 5 I thought that I would never learn my eight times table, but I had learnt that your brain never stops making new connections so I practised for five minutes every evening. The 8 x table helped me with my SATs.

Rojin, (Cedar Tree)